17. Minority Coaching Institute, Patna
18. Al-Momin Coaching & Guidence Centre, Sasaram
19. Buniyad, Patna

UT Admn—Delhi

20. Hamdard Education Society, New Delhi
21. SOFED, Zakir Nagar, New Delhi
22. Delhi Education Centre, Hauz Khas, New Delhi

State—Gujarat

23. Anjuman-E-Talimi Edara Charitable Trust

Welfare Programmes for Backward Classes in Andhra Pradesh

1177. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested for central assistance to the tune of Rs. 135.45 crores for implementation of educational programmes for the backward classes on 30th June, 1996; and

(b) if so, by when the assistance for welfare programmes relating to backward classes is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Three centrally sponsored schemes for the educational upliftment of OBCs viz. Pre-Matric Scholarships for OBCs, Post-Matric Scholarships for OBCs and Hostels for OBC Boys' & Girls' is under implementation from the financial year 1998-99. Central assistance to the tune of Rs. 1.16 crores were released to the Andhra Pradesh Government during the year 1998-99 under the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship to OBCs.

Assistance to Artisans in Andhra Pradesh

1178. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether request for assistance of Rs. 100 crores through NBCDFC for the benefit of artisans in Andhra Pradesh has been pending since May, 1998; and